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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count indictment¹ charging Jonathan Nicholson with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The indictment alleges that on July 11, 2009, Nicholson possessed a loaded Smith & Wesson .357 magnum revolver. Nicholson is a convicted felon who is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Jonathan Nicholson	Philadelphia	43 years old

The case was investigated by ATF and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Marianne Cox.

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